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Title: STEEL WIRE WITH BRIGHT
LOOKING SURFACE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) A coated steel wire having a bright looking surface,
said steel wire having a steel core,
said steel core being covered with an intermediate coating layer, and
immediately thereupon with a polymer, said polymer being a polyester, said polyester
being transparent and being colored.

14. (New) A steel wire according to claim 13, said polymer comprising a
transparent coloring agent.